**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1.      (Currently Amended)  A method for improving the printing of an image, said method including:

receiving a source image of original pixel data;

trapping the source image of original pixel data;

tagging data in the trapping step; and

dithering the data tagged in the trapping step with a halftone type which is different from the system halftone ultimately applied to the rest of the source image.

2.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the trapping is performed upon source image black data.

3.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the trapping is performed upon source image color data separation.

4.      (Original)  The method of claim 3, wherein the trapping is performed upon a image shape data color separation only if there is another color separation to be developed.

5.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a high frequency halftone type.

6.      (Canceled)

7.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a diffused type halftone.

8.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a stochastic type halftone.